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Press Advisory

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Corps of Engineers to hold press conference on the disturbance and destruction of Native American burial and historic sites

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, in cooperation with the Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma and the Texas State Historical Preservation Office, will hold a press conference to help raise public awareness concerning the continued disturbance/destruction of Native American sacred burial and historic sites on federal property.

The press conference will be held at Lake O'the Pines on Tuesday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m. at Overlook Park, FM 726, at the east end of Ferrells Bridge Dam.

Following recent discussions between representatives of the Corps, the Caddo Tribe and the SHPO, a Programmatic Agreement is being drafted to identify a more comprehensive approach to enforcing federal laws and protecting sites on federal property. Some of the agreement's features will be discussed during the press conference.

Press conference participants will include: LaRue Parker, Chairperson, Caddo Tribe of Oklahoma; Dan McGregor, Archeologist, Army Corps of Engineers; Bill Martin, State Historic Preservation Office; and Jerry Thomas, Army Corps of Engineers, Lake O'the Pines.

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